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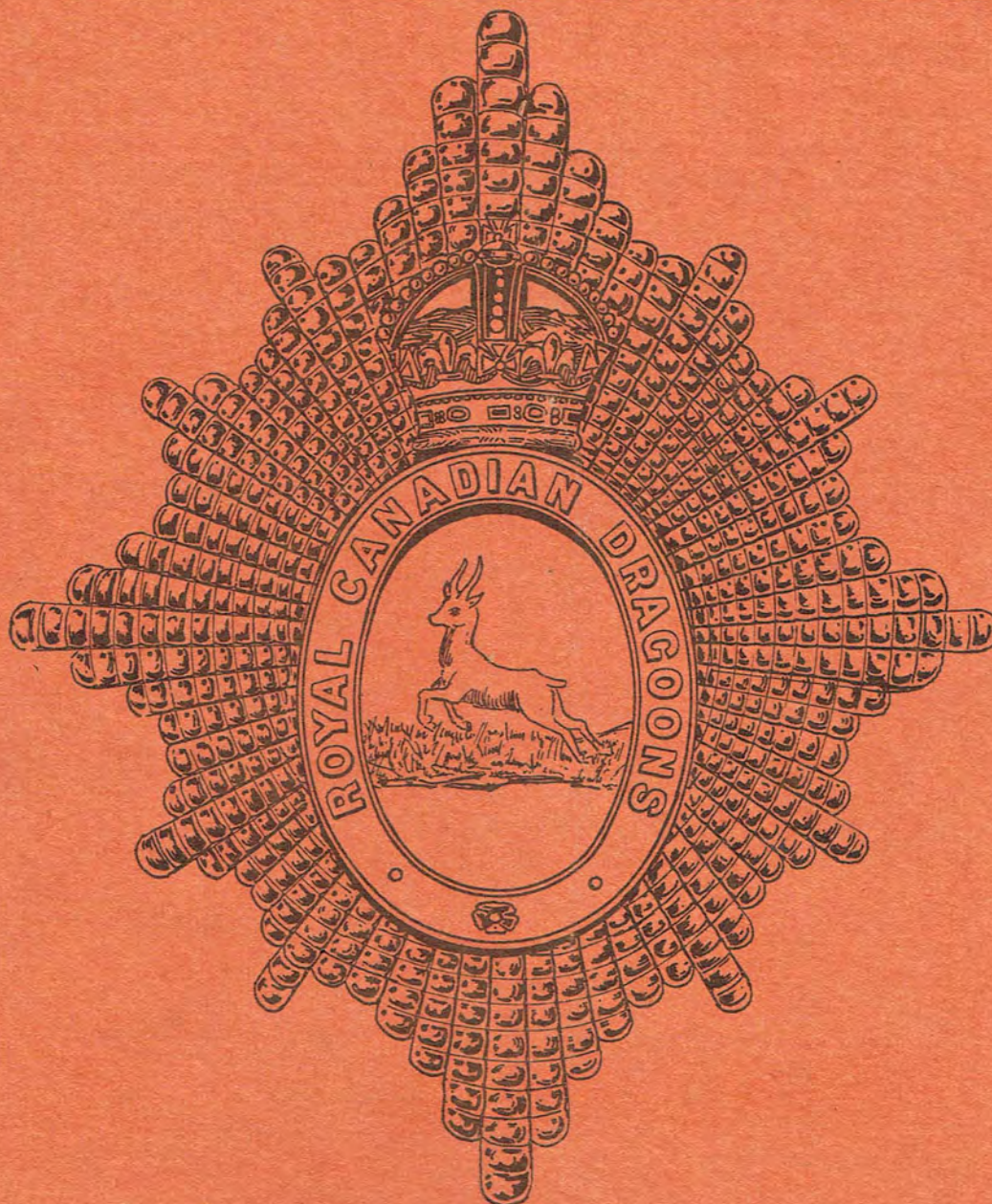
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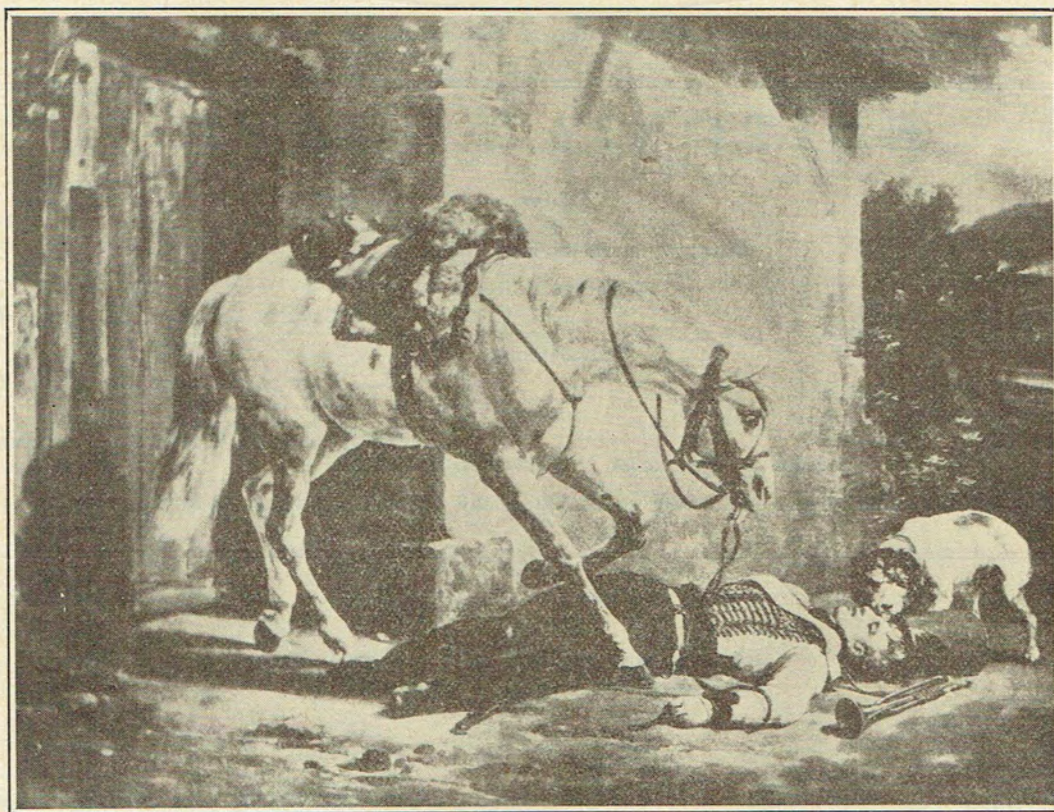
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HORACE VERNET

The Dead Trumpeter.



## Editorial.

By the time our readers receive "The Goat" the carillon of fifty-seven bells in the Victory Tower of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa will be pealing the sixtieth birthday of Confederation—bonfires and beacons will flash their message across the country. We hope that the message which the Fathers of Confederation have left will inspire us to develop—to enjoy and to hand over to prosperity unsullied a heritage worthy only of those men of high ideals to whom at this time we solemnly acknowledge our debt.

All ranks of the Royal Canadian Dragoons humbly extend to their Col. in-Chief His Majesty, King George V. best wishes and many happy returns on his 62nd birthday.

The long delayed summer seems to have arrived at last. In St. Johns, we are all very busy since the militia units arrived. The 17th D.Y.R.C.H., P.L.D.G's. and details are in camp, Brig-General King, C.M.G., D.S.O. is camp commandant.

On June 1st the Canadian Army lost the valuable services of Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.c., who had been Chief of the General Staff and later Chief-of-Staff of the Department of National Defence for seven years. As Cavalrymen we regret immensely to see Gen. MacBrien leave us and whatever may be his future plans, he leaves with the best wishes of all ranks of his old Regiment.

He served with the Canadians in the South African War at the conclusion of which he joined the S.A. Constabulary. On his return to Canada he joined this Regiment in 1907 as Lieutenant. During his early service with the R.C.D. he was sent on exchange duty for two years to Australia and before his return was appointed adjutant of his Regiment. In 1913 he went to the Staff College at Camberly where he was at the commencement of the Great War. He served with great distinction on the staff of the 1st Canadian Division and also the Canadian Corps. Later he commanded a Brigade and after the Armistice he commanded the Canadian troops overseas. Since he has been at Ottawa as Senior Military Member of the Defence Council he has

done valuable work. It is to be sincerely hoped that the Cavalry Arm will not suffer now that he has left the Department. General MacBrien held his post during seven trying years of economy and reductions and we all fully appreciate the manner in which the Permanent Force and the Militia have been kept up to the present standard with so few funds with which to accomplish anything. The General is a keen lover of horses, a good horsemaster and a lover of all kinds of clean and wholesome sports. He believed in hard study and playing the game and won his many laurels through hard work, perseverance and knowledge of his subject.

The Staff of "The Goat" welcome his successor, Major-General Thacker, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and hope that the Regiment will have the pleasure of seeing a good deal of their new chief-in-the future. He honoured us by a visit and inspection on the 17th of June.

## Personal & Regimental

(St. Johns)

The committee of the St. Johns Barracks Dance Club is now as follows:—Lieut. Chadwick, Pres., L/Cpl. Dresser, Tpr. Story, Sec'y., Tpr. Fissaault, S. M. Dowdell acts as M.C.

The following recruits have been taken on strength of "A" Squadron: Tprs. Daugherty, Freeman, Foster, Rogers, Bush, Spurrell and Wellard.

Tpr. Allingham left us last month to return to his home in England. We wish him all success, and hope that he will send us something about his trip home, and whether he prefers cows to horses.

Sergt. Britt and family moved into Barracks, occupying the quarters formerly used by F.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Hill, who have taken a house in town.

Congratulations to S/Sgt. Taylor and Sgt. Coulter on their recent promotion.

Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., has returned to St. Johns and assumes command of "A" Squadron.

Members of M.D. No. 4, instructional cadre are now in Barracks in connection with the camp. Among them are the following:—C.S.M. (I) Shaw; Q.M.S. I Caruthers; Sgt. Inst. Labelle.

The Segts. Mess have several guests these days, Conductor Vaughan, R.C.O.C. and his staff being stationed here during camp. Many ex-members visited us on Victoria Day remaining for the dance in the evening.

## Personal & Regimental

(Toronto)

A dinner was held in the Officers Mess at Stanley Barracks on Thursday evening May 12th, the guest of the evening being The Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, Major R. S. Timmis D.S.O., R.C.D. occupied the chair, the following guests and officers also being present:—His Worship the Mayor of Toronto, Major-General Sir Henry Pellatt, Knt. C.V.O. Brig. Gen. A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Military District No. 2 Colonel T. L. Kennedy Commanding 1st. Cavalry Brigade Colonel J.L.R. Parsons, C.M.G., G.S.O., M.D., No 2., A. E. Dymant Esq., President the Ontario Jockey Club, Lieutenant Col. W. H. Bell, D.S.O., R.C.D., Lt. Col. W. Rhoades, D.S.O., M.C., R.C.D., Lt. Col. T. C. Evans, M.C. R.C.A.V.C. Major Wm. Baty, R.C.D., Major H. Stethem, R.C.D., Capt. W. S. Fenton, The R.C.R. Capt. T. A. James, R.C.D., Capt. W. Home, M.C., the R.C.R., Capt. M. H. A. Drury, R.C.D. and Capt. J. Wood, R.C.D.

During the Toronto Garrison Military Tournament a number of officers from Permanent Force Stations in London, Kingston, and Camp Borden were quartered at the Officers Mess, Stanley Barracks, including Capt. F.M.W. Harvey V.C., M.C. and Lieut. Richmond M.C., L.S.H. (R.C.) Major N. O. Carr, Capt. A. Light and Lieuts. de L.H.M. Panet, G.G. Simonds, E. C. Plow, R.C. H.A. Major J. Jeffrey, O.B.E., M.C., Lieutenant L. K. Harrison the R.C.R. Flight Lieut. McKewen D.F.C. and Flying Officer Saunders R.C.A.F. and Lieut. A. B. Sullivan 16/5th. Lancers.

A number of officers from out of town stations called at Stanley Barracks during Tournament week amongst them being Major General E. C. Ashton C.M.G., Major

General J. H. Elmsley C.B., C.M.G. D.S.O., Major General J. H. MacBrien C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong C.B. C.M.G. Lt. Col. R. O. Alexander D.S.O., Col. Comdt. C. F. Constantine D.S.O., Col. H. C. Greer, Lt. Col. H. D. G. Crear, D.S.O., Major C. C. Shaw, Capt. R. L. Fortt, Capt. A. H. C. Campbell, Capt. J. Preston, Wing Commander Anderson D.F.C. and others.

The officers of Stanley Barracks reserved a box at the Military Tournament which was filled at every performance by the officers and their families and guests. A supper table was also reserved at the Military Ball by the Officers of Stanley Barracks and their guests.

We were pleased to see Lieut. "Gus" Chadwick "A" Sqn. R.C.D. from St. Johns, Que. who was in Toronto visiting his mother Mrs. Chadwick during the Tournament.

Major General J. H. MacBrien C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Chief of staff paid an informal visit to Stanley Barracks on Sunday May 22nd to bid adieu to the officers there, before his departure from Ottawa on leave pending retirement.

Mr. Paul Savoy of St. Johns, Que., was in Toronto on business last month and attended the Military Tournament and Military Ball.

Lt. Col. E. A. Seely Smith the R.C.R. spent a day at Stanley Barracks last week, carrying out his annual inspection of "B" Coy.

Major General F. L. Lessard, C.B. who underwent a serious operation last spring is now making very satisfactory progress, and is at his home at Meadowdale, Ont.

Captain M. Drury R.C.D. and Sgt. Instructors Hallet and Manning are at present at the Cavalry Camp School Curling Heights, London, Ont. where the 1st Hussars are in camp.

His Excellency the Governor General honoured the Officers Mess of the Royal Canadian Dragoons by dining at the Mess at Stanley Barracks with Brig. Gen. A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O. and officers of the Permanent Force of the To-



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ronto Garrison. Besides Viscount Willingdon the following officers were present:—Major General Sir W. D. Otter K.C.B., C.V.O.; Major Gen. V. A. S. Williams, C.M.G. Major Gen. J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.B., D.S.O., Brig. Gen. A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig. Gen. Dennison, C.M.G., Col. F. S. L. Ford; Col. J. L. R. Parsons, C.M.G., D.S.O. Lt. Col. W. Rhoades, D.S.O., M.C.; Lt. Col. B. W. Browne D.S.O., M.C.; Col. E. C. Dean, Lt. Col. H. M. Hilde, Lt. Col. E. J. Renaud, O.B.E.; Lt. Col. T. C. Evans, M.C. Lt. Col. McCrimmon; Lt. Col. R. J. S. Langford; Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.; Major Wm. Baty; Major H. Stethem; Major W. S. Lawrence; Major J. W. H. G. H. Van den Berg, D.S.O.; Capt. W. S. Fenton; Capt. W. Home, M.C.; Capt. T. A. James; Capt. M. H. A. Drury; Capt. J. Wood; Lieut. W. Gillespie and Lieut. L. K. Harrison; His Excellency was accompanied by his secretary Capt. Melvie. During dinner an excellent programme of music was furnished by the band of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

The Permanent Force troops Stanley Barracks moved to Camp at Niagara on the Lake on Thursday June 2nd. The Militia Camp opened on June 6th. District Staff and advanced parties arriving on the 5th. It is probably the largest Militia Camp held in Niagara since the war. The following Units being present. The 1st Cavalry Brigade composed of The Governor Generals Body Guard, 2nd Dragoons, and The Mississauga Horse. The 5th Infantry Brigade composed of the Lincoln and Welland, Norfolk Rifles and Haldimand Rifles, a Casualty Clearing Station, and 3 Field Ambulances and Administrative troops.

Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D. was in Toronto for several days last week attending to the business of taking over command the Royal Canadian Dragoons as from June 1st 1927. Accompanied by Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O. he spent a day in Camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where we were all delighted to welcome him, to congratulate him upon his new appointment and to find him looking no hail and hearty after his return from the Senior Officers School. Major Timmis spent the day in bidding a fond farewell to the members of "B" Squadron.

Major Bowie and Major Timmis left for St. Johns P.Q., on June 9th Major Timmis to assume command of "A" Sqn., R.C.D., and of the Cavalry Barracks, and Major Bowie to return in about two weeks time to Toronto where we understand he and Mrs. Bowie will

occupy the Commanding Officers quarters at Stanley Barracks.

Prior to our departure for camp a luncheon was held in the Officers' Mess at Stanley Barracks to bid adieu to Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O. before his departure for St. Johns, P.Q. Besides the officers of the Barracks, Capt. MacBrien was present. General regrets were expressed at Major Timmis' departure, and he undoubtedly was greatly moved at the thought of leaving his old Squadron. Major Timmis has served "B" Sqn. ever since he joined the regiment and no officer could possibly have held the well-being of the Squadron more in his heart.

It was with a genuine feeling or regret that we bade him farewell. We wish him success and happiness in his new home at St. Johns, P.Q.

## Old Comrade Notes.

**VETERANS HONOR  
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**Memorial Service**

**Militia Veterans Commemorate  
Ridgeway and Decorate Soldiers'  
Monuments at Queen's Park.**

Rain did not daunt the Canadian militia veterans, who turned out almost 200 strong yesterday morning to attend their annual memorial service and decorate monuments erected to the memory of comrades who had fallen in the wars of '66, '85 and South Africa. "Soldiers of the Queen" also placed a wreath on the Queen Victoria monument at Queen's Park. The only change in the program was the decision to hold the memorial service in the Armories instead of Queen's Park.

Under command of Major W. H. Cooper, president of the Grand Executive Council of Canadian Veterans, 200 representatives of the veterans' organizations were paraded for inspection by General Sir William Otter, C.V.O., K.C.B., at the Armories. Doubt was expressed by many as to whether the General would be present on account of rain and the risk which he would be taking, but Major Cooper was right when he declared: "The General was always a soldier, rain or shine." Looking as fit as a quarter of a century ago, General Otter arrived five minutes before proceedings were to commence. Ranks of veterans were opened and the General inspected a proud and soldierly-looking company. Some of the old

guard had all the medals issued to soldiers of Britain since Fenians were persuaded at Ridgeway in 1866 that Canadians were satisfied with the Union Jack. Recognizing a number of the men who had served with him in '66, '85 and in South Africa, General Otter gave them a friendly nod or enquired as to their health, etc. General Otter celebrated his 83rd birthday anniversary last December.

## Old Days Recalled

Following inspection the General briefly addressed the veterans. He recalled the old days of the Northwest Rebellion and South Africa appealing to the men to continue their interest in their comrades and their organizations. "Keep up your courage and always look your best. If your service to your country has not been rewarded it surely will be in the hereafter. You present a very fine appearance and I am proud of everyone on parade. We have an important duty to-day in decorating monuments built in memory of the brave men we have served with and who have gone to their reward. We must also remember that grand woman, Queen Victoria to-day. Most of you served in the Queen's armies.

Rev. Capt. Sydney Lambert referred to the decoration of the monuments and compared this to the story of the 12 stones "which were taken up from the midst of Jordan and placed in the great camp of Gilgal as a memorial of the day when our fathers crossed Jordan on dry land."

"You veterans are to be commended for honoring your comrades who fell at Ridgeway 61 years ago and on other historic battlefields. These stones which you will decorate today are great memorials and children in after generations will be inspired by your lives to stand by the Empire in any crisis. We pay tribute to-day to not only the veterans who served in the land forces but those who served in the great British navy, and we also honor the memory of the good Queen Victoria. We, the young veterans of Canada, are proud of the part you have played in the development of the Canadian militia and the progress of our great Dominion.

## True to Duty

"Our aged veterans should ever be recognized. Although some of you never got just recognition you have the satisfaction of knowing you have performed your duty, and you are sure of proper



reward from the Judge of all men," he said.

Rain continued after the service but it was unanimously decided to carry through the original arrangements for decorating the monuments. The service was concluded after Major W. H. Cooper asked the veterans to observe two minutes silence in remembrance of their fallen comrades. Just before filing out of the Ansonia General Otter called for three cheers for the King, and no group of young cadets could outcheer the hardy veterans who responded to General Otter's request.

### Many Organizations

The following organizations were represented in the parade which marched down University avenue to the South African monument, headed by His Majesty's Army and Navy Veteran's Band under direction of Bandmaster H. B. Wilson: Naval Veterans, H.M. Army and Navy Veterans, Veterans '66 Association, Veterans '85 Association, South African War Veterans, Canadian Legion B.E.S. League, Royal Grenadiers Veterans, Queen's Own Rifles Association Royal Canadian Dragoons Old Comrades' Association and Toronto Garrison Sergeants' Association. Lt. Col. A. Curran acted as marshal. General Otter also accompanied his comrades on the parade. Leaving the South African monument the veterans marched north to Queen's Park, where wreaths were deposited on the other monuments. Ladies of the Veterans of '66 Association Branch of the Daughters of the Empire also placed a wreath on the monument erected to those who fell at Ridgeway in 1866.

### Some of the Veterans

The oldest veteran on parade was Thos. Good, aged 87, who fought at Ridgeway in 1866. Other old-timers were John Myers, C. Sweetman, A. Keeler, Geo. Bluff, Jno. Eldridge, G. G. Macdonald, Thos. Good, C. A. Brown, T. Coleman, Alex. Brown, Capt. Peter Bernard, J. Harris, Robt. Milgate, R. E. Pitts, all '66 veterans; and W. S. Hills, H. W. Shaw, R. Nicholson, T. M. Burn, A. H. Gordon, Ed. Major, Fred Lorsch, H. R. Holt, Major E. A. Steer, S. W. Salmon, J. A. Fyfe, Sgt. Major Tuck and Sgt. Major Ridgway.

One proud veteran present who served under Lord Roberts and marched on the memorable trek from Cabul to Candahar, was Sidney F. Logan, of Fairbank. Although over eighty, he still takes long walks and does not wear glasses.



Centre of Canada's Confederation Celebration

Much credit is due Major W. H. Cooper and those associated with him in the arrangements. The major was anxious that all the credit should go to the men who turned out, regardless of weather conditions, and paid such a fine tribute to those who had died in defense of their country.

### Decorate Graves

In the oldest military burying ground of this city, now Victoria Memorial Square on Portland St., where Ann, a daughter of Governor Simcoe, is buried, members of his Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans gathered yesterday morning and decorated the graves of the old Imperial soldiers. The second burial ground for soldiers on Strachan avenue, now greatly improved by the city and by the Daughters of the Empire, was also visited. Before the veterans reached the Strachan avenue grounds, Mrs. O. B. Sheppard, a friend of soldiers, had been there and left a wreath. The veterans were in charge of Frederick Nicholson, president, and Thomas M. Burn, secretary.

Unfair Discrimination.—Helen, "It took Jack twenty-five lessons to teach me to swim."

Sybil—"The cad! He taught me in six!"

### Bytown Bits.

King's Birthday:—The birthday of His Majesty was celebrated in the Capital in form. At high noon a salute was fired on Cartier Square by the 1st Brigade C.F.A. In the afternoon Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Lady Willingdon, gave a garden party at Rideau Hall, almost 3000 persons attending. The band of the G.G.F.G. rendered music during the afternoon. For the first time in history the Honorary A.D.C.'s, resident in Ottawa were on duty at the party.

Attended Races:—The spring meet of the Connaught Park Jockey Club was patronised by His Excellency the Governor General. On Saturday the 11th, he journeyed in state to the track with an escort from the P.L.D.G.. The escort was in full review order and under command of Lieut. E. A. Meredith Jarvis.

Training:—The C.A.S.C. had their training at Petawawa and have returned reporting that the gunners camp is only one degree south of the North Pole. The P.L.D.G. go to Connaught Ranges from July 5 to 13th. The G.G.F.G. and the C.M.G. Corps will also spend a few days at Connaught during the time the cavalry are there.

Small Arms School:—The first course at the Canadian Small Arms School will open at Connaught Ranges on July 4th. The commandant will be Lieut.-Colonel W. K. Walker D.S.O., M.C.

Gave Tea Party:—On the 16th instant the Officers of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and the Governor General's Foot Guards and their wives were the guests of their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Willingdon at a tea party at Rideau Hall. The ex-commanding officers of both units were also invited.

Confederation Celebration:—Arrangements at Ottawa call for a parade of the garrison on July 1st in connection with the Confederation celebration.

Command Changes:—Lieut.-Col. W. S. Wood, D.S.O., commanding the 38th Ottawa Regiment, has been transferred to the reserve of officers on completion of his tenure of command. He is being succeeded by Major W. B. Megloughlin M.C. who commenced his military career at Petawawa in 1914 as a full buck in the rear rank of the P.L.D.G.

The Chief Retires:—The last day of May saw Major-General J. H. MacBrien leave National Defence Headquarters on completion of his term as Chief of Staff of the Can-



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adian Forces. It is not stretch-  
ing the truth to say that General  
MacBrien was the best loved man  
at Headquarters or to say that he  
will be greatly missed throughout  
the service. He was a man among  
men and one to whom the trou-  
bles of the unit commander were  
his own personal troubles and his  
sympathetic ear was always ready  
to receive a tale of woe and his  
tongue one to utter sound advice  
and words of encouragement to  
all ranks. He took a great inter-  
est in the N.P.A.M. and always  
visited camps with a keen sense of  
duty and a general desire to get  
in touch with the troops and to  
find out their difficulties. It  
has been my great good fortune to  
have known General MacBrien  
from the time he was a subaltern  
in the R.C.D. and I for one will  
miss him very much at Headquart-  
ers. On the evening of the last  
day of May the Officers at N.D.-  
H.Q., tendered him a dinner at a  
local golf club. At the conclu-  
sion of the dinner a break in the  
power line plunged the club in  
darkness, symbolic of the light  
that had been extinguished at  
Headquarters. Just what his  
plans are, no one knows, but it  
is safe to assume that Canada will  
not lose his presence.

He looked Happy:—The very  
picture of contentment and look-  
ing as if he thoroughly enjoyed his  
holiday, Major General MacBrien  
was a constant figure in the judg-  
es stand at Connaught during the  
past meet.

In Hospital:—The many friends  
in the service of Lieut-Colonel W.  
K. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., Com-  
mandant of the Canadian Small  
Arms School will regret to learn  
that he underwent a rather se-  
rious operation in the Civic Hos-  
pital the first of the month. His  
rugged constitution however stood  
him in good stead showing the ef-  
fects of leading a sober, righteous  
and godly life. Tiny is now well on  
the mend.

## Military Tournament.

"A huge success in every way"  
was the general verdict in regard  
to the Toronto Garrison Military  
Tournament held from May 18th to  
21st.

This was the second Post War  
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participants. These qualities  
which are of the utmost value in  
civil life are fostered by military  
training.

The large, distinguished and ap-  
preciative audience who witnessed  
every performance speak well for  
the popularity of the Militia in To-  
ronto.

The programme which varied  
slightly at each performance open-  
ed with a march-past by detach-  
ments of the units participating.  
Then such events as, Arm Drill,  
Vaulting Rides, Recreational Gym-  
nastics, and Physical Training  
Displays, by the Gentlemen Cadets  
of the Royal Military College were  
carried out.

A Musical Drill by "B" Coy.  
The Canadian Regiment accompan-  
ied by their Regimental Band;  
Gymnastic displays by the Toronto  
Regiment and Gun Drill by the  
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer  
Reserve.

The Musical Drive by the Roy-  
al Canadian Horse Artillery was  
an exciting event exemplifying  
team work, accuracy, courage and  
skill.

Complicated figures were exe-

cuted at a gallop. A high stand-  
ard of accuracy was demanded as  
the galloping teams—each with  
one and a half tons behind it—  
crossed each other at various an-  
gles in the complicated figures.

The characteristic dash and  
daring of the Horse Artilleryman  
were well exemplified in this dis-  
play.

They were accompanied by the  
R.C.H.A. Band, who also played  
for the displays by the R.M.C. Ca-  
dets.

The Musical Ride by "B" Sqn.,  
R.C.D. was as usual a most popular  
event and deservedly received  
much praise, especially in view of  
the fact that most of the audience  
were aware of the difficulties un-  
der which it had been trained as  
a result of the recent fire.

A new feature, for the first time  
seen at a Military Tournament in  
Canada was the display by the  
Royal Canadian Air Force.

An aeroplane is proceeding by  
road. Orders are received for  
the machine to reconnoitre.

For this Display a machine was  
brought into the Arena, packed on  
a float, erected and prepared for  
flight.

Immediately it was  
ready, an Orderly arrived with  
further instructions that the ma-  
chine was to proceed at once by  
road to another aerodrome. These



instructions were carried out by dismantling and packing the machine ready to move off to its new destination.

The feu de Joie by the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.—A ceremony consisting of the firing of rifles performed by troops as a token of joy for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of the Sovereign, a member of the Royal Family, or other national event.

It is a most difficult ceremony for even the most highly trained troops and was most admirably carried out by the Queen's Own.

The Colour is the most sacred thing that a Regiment has. Around it is clustered all the traditions, the suffering and glory that make from a body of men something that is different—a Regiment.

The Colour is greeted with respect and saluted by all ranks of society, from His Majesty to his most humble servant.

In olden days the Standard, or Colour, was carried in battle and proved the rallying point. Men gathered around the Colour and sacrificed themselves so that the honour and glory of their Country and Regiment might not be tarnished. A Colour was never surrendered.

To-day the Colour is not carried in battle, but it is still "The Soul of the Regiment."

A beautiful and stately ceremonial known as "Trooping the Colour" has been devised so that the Colour may be shown to every rank of a Regiment under dignified and impressive conditions.

This ceremony was performed on different nights by the Royal Grenadiers, The 48th Regiment (Highlanders) and the Toronto Scottish Regiment.

The programme concluded with massed bands in which 17 bands participated.

Each and every event was portrayed in a manner wellnigh perfect, and the various review order uniforms of the different units presented a most colourful spectacle.

The results of some of the Individual Competitions were as follows:—

#### Officers Jumping

1st Lt. Wm. O'Connor, G.G.B.G. on "Limerick."

2nd Major W. L. Rawlinson, G.G.B.G. on "Paymaster."

3rd Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D., on "General Toby."

4th Lt. King, 48th Highlanders, on "Montreal."

In this event the first three contestants were tied and had to jump off for first place.

#### Officers Pair Jumping.

1st Major Rawlinson and Lt. O'Connor, G.G.B.G., on "Paymaster" and "Limerick" (who won the cups presented by the officers of the R.C.D.)

2nd Capt. Harvey, V.C., M.C., and Lt. Richmond, M.C., L.S.H. (R.C.) on "Monarch" and "Moby." "

3rd Major Gayford, G.G.B.G., and Lt. King, 48th Highlanders on "Downpatrick" and "Montreal." 4th Major Timmis, R.C.D., and Major Baty, R.C.D. on "General Toby" and "Bob."

Officers Dummy Thrusting, won by Lieut. A. B. Sullivan, 16-5th Lancers.

The N.C.O.'s. Pair Jumping was won by the R.C.H.A. with Sgt. Tambllyn and Cpl. Blake, R.C.D., second and Cpl. Blake and L/Cpl. Stafford R.C.D. third.

The V.C. Race was won by the R.C.H.A.

The R.C.D. teams were victors in the finals of both the Heavyweight and Lightweight Tug-of-War, winning the former from the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the latter from "B" Coy. the R.C.R.

Several of our officers took an active part in the organization of the Tournament.

Major General F. L. Lessard C.B. was chairman of the Executive Committee, but owing to illness was prevented from taking any active part.

Lt. Col. W. H. Bell D.S.O., R.C.D. was a member of the Executive and chairman of the Programme Committee. Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D., a member of the Executive and chairman of the Ring Committee. Major H. Stethem, R.C.D., chairman of the Reception Committee. Capt. T. A. James R.C.D., Secretary of the Executive and a member of the Ring Committee. Capt. J. Wood, R.C.D., vice chairman of the Ring Committee and a member of the Entertainment Committee.

In addition to the above Mrs. Hubert Stethem was on the programme Sales Committee.

The Ring Master was Major James Widgery, Assistant Ring Master, Lieut. T. L. Leblanc Tournament Sgt. Major R.S.M. G. D. Churchward, M.M. R.C.D., Tournament, Q.M.S., R.Q.M.S., J. McLean, M.M., R.C.D.

One very outstanding feature of the Tournament was the excellent manner in which it was organized the various events quickly following each other into the ring so that there was not a dull moment during the whole performance.

It might be of interest to those responsible for the tournament to

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learn that "The Goat" Reporter in London Ont., was informed of a remark made by the advance agent of Sparks Circus to the effect that "The Toronto Garrison Military Tournament was the best show he had ever seen."

The Toronto Garrison Officers' Military Ball held on Friday evening, May 20th in the Transportation Building of the Canadian National Exhibition was held in conjunction with the Tournament.

It was the most elaborate function of his nature ever held in Toronto, and should rank highly in the social events of the year.

Nearly 600 troops took part in the Annual Church parade of the Toronto Garrison held on Sunday, May 22nd. The weather was ideal and enormous crowd witnessed the parade.

Manager (to applicant for post in tourist agency): "Parlez-vous français?"

Applicant: "I beg your pardon?"

Manager (still more distinctly): "Parlez-vous français?"

"I'm sorry, I don't quite understand."

"Do you talk French?"

"Oh, yes—absolutely!"

#### BRAN MASH

An old man, having buried his wife, was visited by the local vicar. Seeing half a bottle of whiskey on the table, he said to the old man, sadly and somewhat sternly:—

"Is this, then, your sole means of consolation now?"

"No," said the widower, "there be two more bottles in the cupboard."

Wown with Germs.—Visiting Doctor—"How is it, Sambo, that you and your large family keep so healthy?"

Sambo—"Well, suh, Ah tell you: we've done bought one of dose sanitary drinkin' cups, an' th' all drink outen it."

Prolonged Politeness.—"So you haint spoken t' your wife fer three year? Why?" said Judge Pusey t' a husband this mornin', an' th' husband replied "I didn't want t' interrupt her."

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### Programme

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and

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JULY 1ST-2ND-3RD, 1927

Friday July 1st.

6.00 A.M. Military Salute.

Trumpeters to sound the "reveille" around the principal streets.

9.00 A.M. Special Services in churches.

10.00 A.M. Military Parade starting from Cavalry Barracks, to join organisations at Market Place.

Societies in parade

Singer Social Club.

Artisans Canadiens Français

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Canadian Legion

Parade to proceed on an organized route to be announced later, ending at I.O.D.E. Memorial Monument on Laurier Street at C.P.R. track.

11.00 A.M. Unveiling of I.O.D.E. Memorial Monument, with St. Johns Band and Military troops in attendance. Traffic under direction of Mr. Victor Galipeau.

2.00 P.M. Exhibition Grounds  
Baseball Game St. Johns vs Fort Ethan Allan, Vt.

3.15 P.M. SPORTS—

Exhibition Grounds

1. 100 yards dash
2. 3 legged-Race
3. 220 yards race
4. Tug-O-War (Heats)  
Teams of 1 coach, 7 men
5. Sack race
6. Half mile Bicycle (Ordinary)
7. Boat Race, Teams of 1 captain and 6 men.
8. 440 race
9. Boys under 12 years-50 yards
10. Girls under 12 years-50 yards.
11. Ladies-35 yards race
12. 880 yards race
13. 1 mile Bicycle-race
14. Finals Tug-O-War.

Conditions.—

All competitors must report to Sports secretary, S. S. M. C. W. Smith, Cavalry Barracks or

Booths on grounds by 2.30 July 1st.

The following prizes will be awarded:—

1. Souvenir silver medal for winner.
  2. Souvenir (bronze medal for 2nd places.
  3. Tug-O-War and Boat Race team will be awarded each member souvenir silver medal.
- Tug-o-War runners up—souvenir bronze medal.

8.00 P.M. SING-SONGS, children and Adults, on Foot-ball field Mr. J. Aimé Lussier, Director.

9.30 P.M. Display of Fire-works and search-lights.  
On Foot-ball Field.

9.00 P.M. Dance at Market Hall.

Saturday July 2nd

9.00 A.M. Auto rides for visitors  
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10.30 A.M. Children' races previous to Picnic on Barracks Recreation Field.

### Children Races

1. 50 yards dash Girls.
  2. 50 yards dash Boys
  3. Potato Race Girls
  4. Boot race Boys
  5. 3 legged Race Girls
  6. Sack Race Boys
- Prizes for 1st and 2nd and 3rd in each. event.

12.00 A.M. Children's Picnic, for children ages 7 to 11 years Laurier Park. In charge of Mr. J. H. Vallée. Plans of arrangements of grounds in his possession. All refreshments furnished by committee.

2.30 P.M. GARRISON GROUNDS  
Foot-Ball Match  
Garrison vs St. Johns  
Winning team to be presented with souvenirs

2.30 P.M. REGATTA  
St. Johns Yatch Club

1. Mens Singles
2. Men's Tamdems
3. Men's Fours
4. Ladies Singles
5. Ladies Tamdems
6. Ladies Fours
7. Mixed Tamdems
8. Crab Race
9. Paddling in Bow
10. Tilting tournament
11. Men's Swimming race
12. Ladies Swimming race

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13. Boy's Swimming Race
14. Girl's Swimming Race
15. Long Distance Race  
(Swimming) half mile
16. Diving contest.

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9.00 P.M. Banquets in various  
Hotels to be arranged later.

9.00 P.M. Dance at Yatch Club.

Sunday July 3rd

Morning.

Special Services in Churches.

2.30 P.M. Exhibition Grounds  
Base-ball Game, St. Johns vs  
Fort Ethan Allan.  
Special Services in Churches

2.30 P.M. Exhibition of Tennis by  
Champion Players, at St.-  
Johns Yacht Club court. W.  
Crocker (Canadian Champion)  
Laframboise and others.  
Exhibition Golf by Champion  
Players at Golf Club.

Beware of the Bride.—The business of being a husband is becoming more and more precarious. The University of Michigan now has a girls' class in rifle shooting. —New York Evening Post.



## Chicago Notes.

(Major R. Nordheimer)

The first of the Open Air Horse Shows held in Chicago and vicinity takes place at the South Shore Country Club, on June 14th-18th. This is always considered the Cream of Open Air Horse Shows and attracts many of the best stables in the Country. The beautiful grounds of the South Shore Country Club are not the least attractive features and the Ring with its Grand Stand and Boxes, is up-to-date in every way. A feature much looked forward to each year, is the Horse Show Dance, held in the Club House on the last Evening of the Show, for Members and Exhibitors.

A very well run and attractive Horse Show, was held at East Lansing, Mich., under the auspices of the Michigan State Agricultural College, Reserve Officers Training Corps on Monday May 30th and Tuesday, May 31st. The Open Air Ring, situated in the College Grounds, made a very pleasing sight, and a most capable Horse Show Committee looked after the details in a manner that would have been a lesson to many of the larger Shows. Good stabling, attractive classes and splendid hotel accomodation, made the trip worth while for these Exhibitors who took part.

A party of Eleven with Nine Horses represented the Spur and Saddle Club and to say the least "An enjoyable time was had by all." On the opening day, Mrs. T. J. Rider, Jr. on "Nelda Dare" a remarkably well mannered and well schooled dark chestnut mare, took second prize in the Five Gaited Mare Class, Mrs. A. C. Ryan on "Radiance" captured 4th place in the Gelding Class for Five Gaited Horses and "My Choice" a comparatively green horse, another of Mrs. Ryan's entries took second prize in the same Class "Charm" a chestnut three gaited gelding, owned and ridden by Mrs. Ryan took third in the Class for three gaited horse 15 hands and under. "Rosie" a prospective jumper owned by the Spur and Saddle Club and ridden by Major Nordheimer failed to get in the money in the Open Jumping Class but performed very creditably in a class of 40 Entries.

On Tuesday Afternoon, the Club came into prominence when "Nelda Dare" and "Loretta D" owned ridden by Mrs. T. J. Rider, Jr. and S. O. Johnston, won the Five Gaited Pair Class. Mrs. Rider followed this up by winning the La-

dies Five Gaited Class with "Nelda Dare" and finally captured the Five Gaited Stake with the same mare, over such good horses as "Fair Acres Erskine Dare" and "Jenny Ramey" both ridden by Professional Riders. In accomplishing this feat, Mrs. Rider proved that there still remain judges who value manners and performance in proper proportion and gave an exhibition of handling a horse in the Show Ring which would have done credit to any Professional. In the Pony Class, "Mary Ann" another of Mrs. Ryan's entries captured third place and "Charm" took fourth in the Ladies three gaited Class. In the "Touch and Out" Class "Rosie" failed at the second jump but as only one horse out of 26 made a clean performance, she was not the worst. During the Five Gaited Stake Class, Major Nordheimer on "Fire Cracker" from the well known string of S.O. Johnston, one of Chicago's most popular benedicts, edified spectators and exhibitors alike, by a rodeo exhibition. During the afternoon "Fire Cracker" who had been suffering from an acute attack of Gastritis, was given some tablets by the Veterinary with the result that the gas went from his stomach to his head and there not being time to put heavier front shoes on him, he was "up in the air" throughout the entire event. The Party returned to Chicago on Wednesday morning, having had a thoroughly enjoyable excursion over Decoration Day.

## Soldiering.

(Continued)

Our number had been augmented by another draft and to these at least, could I appear as a hardened campaigner. By this time my body was providing sustenance for millions of those little pets we have heard so much about. Always was my right hand inside my shirt making much of my pets. Almost at once did I become famous to the men of this draft. Fame came to me in an unusual manner. I knew all these chaps well. They bombarded me with questions. I obliged in full measure and then some, for I remembered my thirst for information that was never satisfied. One asked was I lousy. The idea! My vanity was hurt! I'd show him. Well, look. Stretching lower down inside my shirt I was lucky enough to land on three of my pets which I disclosed to their disgusted gaze. To heighten the offence I explained they

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were all of different types. This made a deep impression. Curiously enough never before had I taken three at one shot. My friends thought I was in a really frightful condition. So I was but not quite so bad as appearance indicated.

Amongst the new people were Mr. LeMesurier and Mr. Sawers. As luck would have it the first named was placed in charge of the working party that night. Before saying what I wish to say of this incident must pay a little tribute to this officer. Because they understood him not am afraid he was not exactly popular with the general run of the men. This was altogether too bad. From what I knew and saw this was an excellent officer. His only fault was an over abundance of enthusiasm. He was most tremendously keen. This enthusiasm got him in wrong with the chaps the very first night. It was like this. Upon arrival at the dump it was found we were to be a carrying party. This was cheering. Make just one trip up to the front line with something or other and the job was completed. As is usual in these cases we acted under one of those unpopular Engineer persons. In this particular, a sergeant superintendent-

ed. He was a most unpleasant sort of a person. We had to carry wire and dump it in front of our front trench. This was comparatively easy and the long trip overland completed in record time. So fast were we in fact that the Engineer person persuaded our officer to break all precedent and cause us to make a return trip. Loud and bitter was the cry that went up when this startling innovation was disclosed to the men. Many informed Mr. Lemesurier that such a thing simply was not done. One trip a night was the job. Outside that... nothing doing. He, in turn pow-wow'd with the Engineer Person. Nothing doing at all, at all. We must make another trip. Upon receipt of this news the men grew wrathful. Bitter was their condemnation of those blasted "engineers" upon whose head was emptied the vial of our wrath. Poor LeMesurier. This is his first experience at this sort of thing. He wants to do what is right. But how? In an endeavour to compromise he agreed to those to toss for it with E.P. (Engineers are never people, you know, just persons.) The E.P. won and we had to set off again with a fresh load. Every-



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body grumbled audibly at this arrangement. "Never mind, boys," spoke the officer, "you'll get credit for it." This was a catch phrase in the regiment for many a long day after. Credit we did not get. This reflects in no way upon the officer, who, young and most enthusiastic, just wanted to do the right thing but failed to succeed. The second trip rather exciting. Large sheets of galvanized iron had to be carried up to the dug-outs in course of construction. In the darkness we got hopelessly lost. The discovery was suddenly made that we had come too far. We were in front of our own wire. Word went round to place the iron down quietly and beat it. What a clatter ensued. The men just flung the stuff down anywhere, stood not upon order of their going, but simply "got." Why Fritz did not open up on us is a mystery. Another proof that most surely the devil loves his own.

A few remarks on carrying parties would not be amiss. As this monument of literature is written by a soldier for soldiers there is, I think, no need for me to explain of the terms used but if I get you guessing at any time just drop a line to the King and he will put you right. Buckingham Palace will always find him. In themselves, carrying parties are not much although the chief actors endure a deal of inconvenience that only becomes humorous when viewed from an interval of many years. During the progress of one of these parties all are invariably fed up to the eyes and every place on earth seems preferable to that long stretch of uneven ground between the dump and the line. In nearly all cases these trips are made overland. The men march or shamle along in single file separated from each other by a few yards. On a dark night when the ground still is wet after a few days steady rain this is a singularly joyless undertaking. In daylight one would find the going rough. Somehow or other the Engineer Persons omitted the matter of paving the forward areas. To follow the same identical track each night would be asking for trouble. Despite all said to the contrary Fritz is not asleep and a well defined path would prove an excellent target for his excellent gunners. Shell holes, tangled mazes of wire, badly placed telephone wire are a few of the many obstacles encountered out on top. As to carrying itself. About the worst load of all is galvanized iron. A man is required to carry two sheets of this stuff at one time. Experience teaches that this is accomplished best by balancing it

upon the head. Even then the stuff sags and sways as one moves in a most distressing manner. Should a finger get caught between the two sheets the finger knows all about it. Best of all the swaying stuff almost completely obstructs one's outlook. With a load of this one simply goes on hoping for the best. On a dark night all one sees is the vague outline of the chap in front. Each man is supposed to acquaint the man following with any obstacle encountered. "Duck .. wire overhead" one hears mumbled from somewhere in front. Not easy to duck with two sheets of tin balanced upon the head. One ducks anyway and invariably fails to duck sufficiently. Then one or two things can happen. Either he will put the wind up the signaller on duty by busting his wire and interrupting the priority message from H.Q. requesting the number of married men in the regiment, or else put the wind up his companions by the clatter of the tin as it is whipped from his grasp and falls. Noise is never welcomed out in front and the other chaps have not the slightest respect for your better feelings. All sorts of names are attached to your already overburdened person. On you go. Let them rave. Retrieve the load and continue. A few paces and one hears, "Hole on the right." You'll be more careful this time. Pass the warning back and prepare to skirt the hole. By this time darkness has swallowed up the man in front. Invariably, again, one does not skirt enough. Curses break out afresh as you flounder into the hole on the right. More clatter, more abuse. Suppose Fritz will send over a few shells now just to improve matters. Always, always is the hole one falls into full of thick mud and kindred abominations. Oh, yes, my friend, soldiering is a pleasant pastime. Sometimes. Personally I know many better. After one has performed on two or three carrying parties one is apt to lose much of his former conscientiousness.

Perhaps this is too thick. Say rather he loses his sense of direction. He is very apt to find himself attached to the party returning from instead of going to the line. This mental lapse is convenient on particularly slopp nights. The path between the dump and the line is strewn with good intentions. A chap sets out with the determination to do the job for which a grateful country pays him, but, when one has slopped into every available shell hole this determination weakens. Another tumble finishes him and

conscience offers no protest as the load is chucked down anywhere in disgust and he lays low until able to fall in with the returning party.

Some nights the whole crowd seem to have "the wind up." None can explain it. Nerves alone are responsible really. They seem to feel something is going to happen. A night of this is horrible. Things can be too quiet over in the enemy lines. Silence—probably means dirty work afoot and all are "touchy" in consequence. Generally speaking very little damage was done during the progress of a carrying party. A man would occasionally stop a stray bullet. Julius did this one night, I remember. How he screamed. Thought at least he was cut in half. Nothing much, however. More fright than anything else.

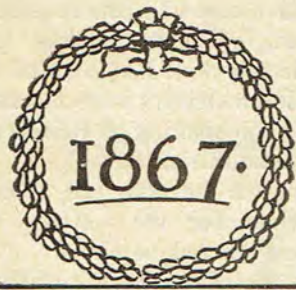
The rule was to stay just as one happened to be when caught in the light of an enemy flare. Movement can be seen. Freeze and Fritz is stung. The result was highly picturesque. These forms in all possible positions shown up in silhouette against the sky-line made an attractive picture. Shorty Steer was most emphatic over the observance of this rule. All men must "Freeze" when caught in the light of a flare. The breaking of this rule was one of the few things that could ruffle "Shorty."

Found myself in a dreadful position one night. Had gone to earth, dodging shell splinters when the discovery was made that a descending flare was going to fall right upon me. This was a hell of a position to be in. If I moved the wrath of Shrtly would shrivel me up just the same. Am sure I sweated blood. As it dropped there was no doubt that it would catch me. I formed mental pictures of myself tearing amongst my startled companions with my clothing blazing. Lower and lower it came. Was fascinated. Not a move. Found myself wondering what it felt like to be burned to death. Down lower. Sort of steeled myself to the inevitable contact of fire and flesh. Down, down to earth about half a mile away. Just the same it gave me a very rotten few minutes of complete wind up.

It is often necessary when, "carrying" to jump across a shell hole. Disaster generally attended the venture. Every blessed thing is against you. You do not now the exact location of the hole neither are you familiar with its dimensions. The take off is always slippery. On top of all this you most probably are further handicapped with a roll of barbed wire slung on a long stick which



# Story of Confederation in Bronze.



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never seems to lie just right upon your shoulder. If everything were with you the jump would not be easy. If it were daylight the hole in full view and the take off good it would still be difficult to successfully negotiate with that dead weight of wire upon your back. As it is you have heard a man mutter, "Jump... hole underfoot" and caught a faint impression of him jumping. Carefully nothing where he took off, you walk warily until reaching what you think must be the spot. Feel cautiously around with the toe of your boot. No hole here.

Proceed at a snail's pace a little farther. Naturally you are fed up to the eyes. Repeat the performance with boot. This must be it. No need to loo. Too dark. Yes, this is the hole right enough. In all probability you forget to pass back the warning. Later on the chaps will bless you for it. You make a mighty leap into the unknown, the wire flies off the other end of the stick. (If lucky, it will catch some unpopular sergeant in the bread-basket) on and you soar and land on your back in the bottom instead of the safe side of the hole. This is bad

enough but can be made worse by the man following jumping in on top of you. In cases like this something has to go. A man engaged in carrying operations is angular. Things are sticking out from all points of him. If the butt of his rifle does not get you his wire cutters will most probably hit you in the eye. Better still, his roll of wire may land on your face. Something is bound to get you. Enough of this dismal picture or I'll have you all in tears. Next. What shall it be?

Oh, yes, almost forgot. About

this time a bombing squad was formed. The bombs of the pure, home-made variety. Empty jam tins, (Tickler's), nails, earth, some explosive and a piece of fuse were the component parts of an imperfect whole. They did not always explode as well as was expected. Anyway, think we all took in the bombing course although the experts were collected together into party of their own. Got quite struck with themselves, the grenade rather, they wore so conspicuously upon the sleeve of the tunic. Speaking of bombs. How many of you remember the chap who



proved the truth of the saying that "Curiosity killed the cat"! Whilst engaged upon a very personal matter indeed he was jiggling with his foot a curiously formed object, something like a large tooth-brush. Until it exploded, filling him with bits of metal he hadn't the least idea it was a bomb. Did not kill him, it is true but he lost what can never be replaced. This was a good lesson to us. Never meddle with things you don't understand. This was particularly applicable when following in the footsteps of a retreating enemy. Don't think our jam-pot grenades killed more than same were quite proud of this weapon of our own manufacture. Later on came the Mills bomb. This was indeed a most effective weapon and one felt better when knowing that a couple of these things lay in one's pocket.

We still retained those funny little respirators that one placed over the mouth and nostrils and were kept in position by two strings tied at the back of the head. To be effective against gas they had to be moistened with a special solution carried by a man in the troop. Think you used them at Festubert. Certainly I never wore one of them except in practice.

Sports would often be held for money prizes. These were most popular. Entries were accepted at the post. The prize money was never very high but high enough to cause a chap to put every ounce of energy he possessed into the effort of winning. This, especially when his pocket was empty. Although adoring relatives helped considerably I always seemed on the verge of financial ruin. Being one of those senseless ducks who gamble for the sheer love of it may account for the position. I never win. To-day is just the same. Play at poker and other things and pay for the privilege. At one of these "meets" the whole of my particular gang were practically broke. In the fond hope of remedying this sad condition Leigh entered for the 100 yards. Hundreds entered this race and very many heats were necessary. Leigh won his heat. Hopeful. Again he wins another heat. Hope grows stronger. By absolute luck he reaches the finals. Hope weakens for now he must contest the cracks of the regiment, Jesse James and such like. Leigh can't possibly do it. He's out of condition. Too many cigarettes. Off they go. Leigh makes a fine get away. James leads the pack while poor old RB is sixth. Luck's dead against us.

If only he could get into third place we'd be sure of a few messes of fried spuds. This he does. Makes a fearful effort, crosses the tape second and crumples up. James, of course, won. What a celebration we had that night. Strickly speaking, these men who won are in the professional class and unless each and every one buys my silence I shall, but never mind, just wait and see.

And thus our life. As time goes on one fancies it the only life known. Seems as though we have always lived in this fashion. Time was, I suppose, when we were clean and wholesome... when we sat down to a dinner properly served, used plates, cups and saucers and other incidentals... but it is difficult to realize we ever really did live in this fashion. If we did were we any the better for it? Doubtful. For myself... although my body is seldom washed am in splendid physical condition. Can eat anything at any time. Indigestion and insomnia play no part in this present life of mine. Eat a big hunk of cheese with nothing else just before turning in and my sleep is untroubled. Do the same thing to-day and I'd die during the night. Somehow or ther it seemed that soldiering has upset all those popular fallacies of hygiene I had formerly believed in. My body was filthy, I slept in foul unventilated holes and it does me good. Strange paradox. Today I am clean. Fresh air I consider essential to good health and yet am not half as good physically as in the days when these things were not even considered. This soldiering game is a wonderful experience.

(To be continued)

### MAJOR BOWIE

On the 1st of June Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., relinquished the command of "A" Squadron to take over the Regiment.

No expressions of regret can sufficiently convey our feelings at losing our exceedingly popular O.C. These expressions of regret have been heard on all sides from all ranks.

We can all find consolation in the fact, however, that though we lose his presence, he will still be "with us" and needless to say we will be "with him."

We hope that he will not forget us; we hope he will visit us frequently. We also take this opportunity of bidding adieu to Mrs. Bowie and offer our thanks to her for her help and co-operation in the social life of the Station.

## Some Recollections of Service With the Imperials.

By Brigadier-General Charles F. Winter, R. of O.

(In the Canadian Defence Quarterly)

### An Incident of Tel-el-Kebir 12-13

Soldiers of the South African War, and also of the recent Great War, will recall the small stone jars from which the Army spirit ration was issued, upon occasion to the troops. In all probability few, if any, will have thought of the occurrence which, it is believed, had an important bearing upon the adoption of that kind of carrier for the spirit ration. Forty or fifty years ago the supplies of ration rum were put up in small kegs and half barrels and the common method in the field was to knock in the head with the pioneer's axe and issue straight to the men's canteens. The writer does not know for a fact that the event which he is about to relate was the reason for the change from the keg and half barrel to the small stone jar used in the Army ever since, but as there is generally some good reason for all military changes and alterations, it is not unfair to assume that it had some determining influence in the matter.

There is, for instance, a very excellent reason for the present well known make of small arm ammunition box, opened by extracting a copper safety pin, drawing to one side the central portion of the wooden cover and then tearing open the lightly soldered top of the inner tin case. This was the direct result of the awful experiences of our men in the disaster of Isandlwana at the opening of the Zulu War of 1879. At that time the ammunition boxes were secured by screws and to open them hastily took some moments of feverish work with screw-driver. In that terrible surprise attack of the Zulu Impis our men of the unfortunate 24th Regiment could not be adequately supplied with ammunition for their rifles, although there was abundance of it in boxes, in the wagons. In the hurry and excitement few of the screw-drivers could be found and much precious time was lost in smashing open the boxes, while the Zulus charged home upon our men with practically empty cartridge pouches, and, in their own language "stamped the white men flat." The best of authori-

ties agree that could our men of the 24th have been furnished with the ammunition, they would not have met with the reverse that ensued. The lesson was costly but it was well heeded, and after that screw-drivers were not required for the opening of British small arm ammunition boxes!

Now for the little tale about the container for the Army spirit ration referred to above.

In the Egyptian Campaign of 1882 Sir Garnet Wolseley's little force moved forward from Kassassin shortly after midnight of the 12th September, with the intention of covering the eleven miles of desert between that place and the enemy's position at Tel-el-Kebir, and attacking it at daybreak. Before moving off, the troops had had a couple of hours rest in bivouac, just before which an issue of spirit ration had been made to all ranks. The early part of the night was intensely dark—real Egyptian darkness that could be felt—and the distribution of the "grog" had been made with considerable difficulty, owing to the absolute necessity of maintaining silence and the entire absence of lights, so as to give no indication of proposed movements which might be seen by the enemy's scouts and night patrols, and thus annul the surprise which was the main feature of the plans of our Commander-in-Chief.

In one of the battalions of Sir Archibald Allison's Third, or "Highland", Brigade—the old 74th Highland Light Infantry—this was productive of what was very nearly a dreadful calamity, gravely imperilling the safety of the whole army and the success of the General's plans, as well as throwing the shadow of a death sentence upon a faithful and deserving, but unfortunate, soldier. In this particular unit, upon this occasion, the issue of the rum ration was carried out by the Regimental Orderly Sergeant, who by a strange irony of fate happened that night to be the President of the recently organized branch of the Army Temperance Society of the 74th. He was a steady, reliable man, with a good soldier's record, and a strict teetotaler. After starting the distribution by himself dipping the liquor out of the barrel, he had expected each company to make its own issue, but in the desire to hurry up the job as quickly as possible, and the head of each succeeding company coming up in the darkness in an apparently never ending stream, he continued dipping his small measure into the barrel and emptying it into the canteens of man after man in succession, bending over



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the little barrel more and more as its contents shrank to the bottom. Quite unperceived by anyone in the darkness he became overpowered by the fumes from the strong "Jamaica" by the time he had finished, and on lying down was very soon in utter oblivion.

Shortly afterwards the troops were roused for the night march, and in the darkness the Sergeant's condition was not observed. A few minutes after the army got under way, however, the Colonel and other officers of the 74th were horrified to hear one of their men break out into a loud song at a time when every effort was being made, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's instructions, to maintain a rigid silence. A couple of n.e.o.'s nearby grabbed the offending songster and almost throttled the poor Orderly Sergeant in their efforts to suppress his untimely exuberance. Naturally the Sergeant protested violently and the commanding officer, coming himself to see what was the matter placed him under arrest for being drunk and called upon the regimental Medical Officer, who happened to be near by, to silence the man at all hazards. By this time, the battalion in column of fours had passed on and as one of the ambulance wagons approached the Doctor chloroformed the offender and had him placed in the wagon where he remained "dead to the world" for several hours.

In due time the troops reached their preliminary objective, deployed, made their attack, and just as day was breaking carried the enemy's works with the bayonet in splendid style, and shortly after sunrise were concentrated some three miles in rear of the captured position, close to the railway station of Tel-el-Kebir, in the midst of all the debris and confusion left by a routed and fleeing enemy. Here cables of congratulation, with sympathy for the wounded from Her Majesty Queen Victoria, were read at the head of all the units of the Infantry Division, while the cavalry and horse artillery continued the pursuit in the direction of Ez-Zazizig. The troops cheered their commander, and also Her Majesty the Queen "The Widow of Windsor" as so many of the men affectionately termed their sovereign—and under all the circumstances those cheers from that assembly of 12,000 men were something to remember for a lifetime. Such a thrill is not likely to be oft repeated!

It was just at this time that the unfortunate sergeant, recovered sufficiently from the effects of the rum fumes and the chloroform, staggered up to the column of

his regiment from the ambulance quite ignorant of the recent battle and bewildered as to what was taking place. As the disturber of the night before, he was at once taken before his C.O. and a Drum-head Court Martial was immediately convened to try him for one of the most serious offences a soldier can commit on active service, viz. "Being drunk on the line of march in the presence of the enemy," thus endangering the lives of all his comrades and the success of the army's plans. Naturally there was much indignation against the sergeant, who was still in a semi-maudlin state. He protested that he had not drunk any of the rum, but at the time no one thought of the fumes nor could the prisoner make any intelligent explanation. Time pressed, and in a few minutes the poor fellow was found guilty, condemned to be shot, and the proceedings of the Court at once passed on through brigade and divisional channels to the Commander-in-Chief near by. The whole business from the time the unfortunate Sergeant had scrambled out of the ambulance until his fate was in the hands of Sir Garnet had not occupied more than half an hour. Fortunately the Commander-in-Chief was in the best of humour; he had just won a brilliant victory, it would never do to dampen the joyousness of the occasion by an execution, so the death sentence was commuted to two years penal servitude. A few minutes later, as the parade broke up, the prisoner was on his way under escort to the rear destined for Malta to undergo his sentence.

As it turned out, the early conclusion of the campaign at Cairo a few days later gave the opportunity for representations to be made which had not been possible in the stress and excitement of that early morning at Tel-el-Kebir, and the true facts of the occurrence as given above were brought to light, with the result that the prisoner was shortly afterwards reprieved. The episode, however, drew attention to the necessity for a better form of container for the ration rum, and it is hoped that never again may a good and faithful soldier in the discharge of his duties be liable to the risk that befell the Regimental Orderly Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry on the night before Tel-el-Kebir.

Pretoria, 4-5 June, 1900

The engagement at Six-Mile Spruit on the western outskirts of Pretoria drew to a close in the early evening of the 4th of June



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1900, as Lord Roberts' army spread itself out right and left about the capital of the South African Republic of the Transvaal—a sequel to its long and arduous marches extending steadily for over a month since leaving Bloemfontein. The 19th Infantry Brigade with Hamilton's Column, had on this day come up late in the afternoon and were in the main mere spectators of the action, which was fought chiefly by the mounted units and the artillery. The Royal Canadian Regiment happened to be the rear units of this brigade and viewed the action as one does the stage from the dress seats in the balcony of a theatre. They were in reserve and while the big guns thundered and their projectiles raised fountains of earth and stone from the hill sides opposite, quickly followed by the yellow marks of the lyddite like great sinews upon the landscape, much speculation was indulged in as to the probabilities of our getting into the city next day.

(To be continued)

Knows his Onions—"Do you believe in the survival of the fittest?"

"I don't believe in the survival of anybody, I am an undertaker."



# The Fathers of Confederation.

(From the Teachers' Magazine)

I. Gammell, B.A., L.L.D.

In this anniversary year of the birth of the Dominion our minds naturally dwell upon its wonderful progress during the sixty years of its existence. It is well to note to what degree this growth, at least in the wider phases of national life, has been the fulfilment of the labours, the hopes, and the vision of that group of able and resolute men—the Fathers of Confederation.

The union of the British American provinces had had its advocates from time to time during the past eighty years. But their words had fallen on deaf ears. The general public was absorbed in local issues and remained indifferent to the wider vision. In the Canadas, combined under one government, sectional jealousy, aggravated by racial and religious prejudice, became so intense as to bring parliamentary government to a standstill. Parties became so evenly balanced that two

years saw three elections and four changes of ministry. Bitterness of partisan strife completely overshadowed public interests.

But with the crisis came the remedy. Leaders emerged who ceased for the time to be mere politicians, and became statesmen. One of the most thrilling incidents in Canadian history occurred when George Brown, the powerful leader of Upper Canadian Liberals and crusader against Lower Canadian domination, rose in his place in parliament, offered to let bygones be bygones and to join his political opponents in a coalition government with the express policy of effecting the wider union of the British North American provinces under a federal government. His great rival and personal enemy, John A. Macdonald, met him halfway and in the same spirit. So did Macdonald's ally Cartier, the sturdy champion of the Lower Canadian French. He, too, became inspired with the broader vision, and persuaded—not without great difficulty—his people to follow himself in the new and better way. It seemed as if a political millennium had come when a government was formed representing both parties and working in a common cau-

se. Macdonald quickly became its guiding spirit. For three years his personal tact and political shrewdness, his clear vision and strong will, his unrivalled adroitness in moulding men and circumstances to his purpose, were exercised to the utmost in securing the desired end.

The ministry contained two other men well worthy of note. Alexander T. Galt represented the English speaking element in Lower Canada. He had long been an ardent advocate of Confederation. To him more than to any other must be given the credit of securing in the new constitution the educational rights hitherto enjoyed by the Protestant minority in Lower Canada, and by the Roman Catholic minority in Upper Canada. Thomas D'Arcy McGee was an immigrant from Ireland. Not many years in Canada, an erstwhile revolutionary seeking to establish an independent nationality in the land of his birth, he was now with fervid spirit and matchless eloquence urging the creation of a Canadian Dominion under the beneficent rule of Queen Victoria.

The opportunity for action was now at hand. Tupper, the pre-

mier of Nova Scotia, had long been favourable to Confederation. Disappointed at the failure of a recent attempt to secure provincial cooperation in the building of a railway to connect the St. Lawrence and the Atlantic provinces, he was now moving for a federation of the latter. The Canadian government strongly urged the wider union upon the assembled delegates of the Lower Provinces. Tupper supported by Tilley of New Brunswick, accepted the proposal. These two men, the one by his political ability, his courage, energy and resolution, the other by his elevation of character, the confidence and devotion which he inspired, rendered possible the adherence of their respective provinces to the scheme of union, and they must be accorded a high place among the Fathers of Confederation. Conferences were held at Quebec in 1864, and in London in December, 1866. The delegates were united on the necessity of union. But there were many difficulties to be overcome divergent personal opinions to be harmonized, conflicting interests of parties and provinces to be adjusted, wide geographical barriers to be bridged. These tasks were, on the

## THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION



MEMBERS OF THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE, OCTOBER, 1864

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whole, successfully accomplished by the fairmindedness, the breadth of view and the ardent patriotism of the leaders.

Macdonald and some others favoured a legislative union like that of Great Britain and Ireland. This would secure a strong central government and so avoid the weakness of the American type, as revealed in their judgment by the Civil War then raging. Cartier insisted, on the other hand, that the French would consent to union only on the federal basis, by which each province could retain complete control over its own local affairs. Such a system would tend to allay sectional fears and jealousies, such as had recently cursed the Canadas. In the end the federal form of government was adopted. The scope of provincial and of federal powers was defined as fully as possible. Whatsoever remained undefined was to fall under federal jurisdiction, not under local, as it the case in the United States. The power of the central government was also strengthened by the right to appoint the provincial lieutenant governors and the right to veto provincial legislation, considered detrimental to the interests of the

Dominion at large.

Some feared that under such an arrangement many conflicts would arise between the Dominion and the provinces, and that the power of the former would wax and that of the latter would wane. Many disputes have arisen during past years. These have been settled by decisions of the Supreme Court or by legislation of the Federal Parliament. But the general result has been favourable to the lower and not to the higher power. The Fathers of Confederation sought to create a constitution which would preserve a just balance between the authority of the whole, and that of the various parts so that all might co-operate in harmony. And it stands to their enduring credit that they have been justified in their labours.

Apart from constitutional questions, local jealousies and sectional discontent did not cease entirely with Confederation. Nova Scotia, or Quebec, or British Columbia may have protested that its special interests were being neglected. The West claims the agriculturalists of the prairies have suffered from a customs tariff imposed on

the country only in the interests of the manufacturers of the East. The Maritime Provinces have complained that Confederation has failed to bring them the benefits promised in 1867, and have urged that special consideration from the country at large should be given them as compensation for their geographical and industrial isolation. Such sectional problems have, on the whole, been faced and solved in a broad, reasonable and national spirit—the spirit of the Fathers of Confederation. There has in consequence been developed in our widely scattered domain a true national unity. Without fear of peril to their provincial rights, without sacrifice of their oldtime provincial loyalty, the people of all the provinces have come to regard themselves as one people, and proudly to rejoice in the name of Canadians. The hopes of '67 have been realized.

But the Fathers visualized not only a Canada growing in power and united in spirit, but a Canada, while free in itself, gladly retaining its loyalty and allegiance to the Mother Empire. The significance of the views expressed below is unmistakable:

"In framing a constitution for the general government, the Conference, with a view to the perpetuation of our connection with the Mother Country and to the promotion of the best interests of the people of these provinces, desire to follow the model of the British Constitution, so far as our circumstances will permit"—Resolution of the Quebec Conference.

"No one can look into the future and say what will be the destiny of this country. Changes come over peoples and nations in the course of ages. But so far as we can legislate, we provide that for all time to come the sovereign of Great Britain shall be the sovereign of the British North America."—Speech of John A. Macdonald in the Canadian Legislature.

"Who can doubt that under these circumstances such a confederation stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would in a few years exhibit to the world a great and powerful organization, with British institutions, British sympathies and British feelings, bound indissolubly to the Throne of England?"—Speech of Charles Tupper.

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sive of Canadian than of British thought at the time. Colonial theories of the day were strongly tinged with the "Little Englandism" of the Free Trade School. The British Government had indeed supported the union of the British North American provinces as a strengthened protection against their possible peril from the United States. But colonies in themselves were regarded as a source of weakness and of expense to the motherland until they could fulfil their manifest destiny, break away, and shift for themselves. But such imaginings certainly had no place in the minds of the Fathers of Confederation. Indeed, the example of Canada with her sturdy loyalty had its influence in Britain. Disraeli, a leading member of the government which passed the British North America Act, afterwards became the first of the new imperial school of British statesmen, recognizing to the full the significance of the Overseas dominion within the Empire.

Sixty years have seen great changes in the relationship of Canada to the Motherland. True, the constitutional status has not been altered insofar as the clauses

of the B.N.A. Act defining Imperial authority are concerned. But their application has ceased. Britain exercises only such powers as Canada desires her to retain, the appointment of the Governor-General, the decision of appeals from Canadian law courts by the British Privy Council. Britain voluntarily extends the safeguard of her fleet. Canada, as well as sister Dominion, rushed unasked to the aid of the motherland in her hour of need. Canadians maintain their allegiance to King George as tenaciously as Britons, and sing "God Save Our King" with as much fervour and devotion. Like the Fathers, we do not suffer the tie of Empire to be broken. That tie, having become as light as air, remains as strong as steel. The spirit and vision of '67 should be ours, for where there is no vision the people perish. We rejoice in the vigorous growth and abounding life of our Canadian nation. As we rejoice, we should hold in grateful honour the memory of the Fathers of Confederation.

Wonderful creatures! This summer they will keep cool in the same skimpy clothes that kept them warm this winter.

### THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

What Robert said to the remount and what the remount said to Robert?

Which is the "cushier" job, driving a team or training a remount?—Whether our "expert" is seriously contemplating a change?

What the Picquet Commander said when he saw the dummy on Victoria Day?

When is the piano going to be installed in stables and will it be for our benefit or his?

Ephemeral Glory.—Song to the dress suit: "I know you belong to somebody else, but to-night you belong to me."—New Haven Courier-Journal.

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## My War Diary.

(Continued)

(Being the daily jottings from the diary of an officer of the Regiment from 1914 to 1919.)

Saturday, August 5th 1916.

Up at 4.30 a.m. and had a bite to eat. Left at 5.30 with working party. Got up without drawing fire. Worked on support trench south of "Bazentin le Petit." Germans heavily shelled valley near us. Marvellous escape of some transport. German balloon watching all the time. A premature landed within 20 ft of us. Got out at 11 a.m. and safely back without casualties. Gen Seeley came up at 2 p.m. Slept all afternoon. One shell 150 yds. from our camp killed 11 and wounded 15. Australians did very well last night.

Sunday, August 6th

Up at 9 a.m. and had some breakfast. No working parties went out today. Went for ride with Berteau and got back at 1.30 p.m. Slept most of afternoon. Fifty men per regiment were relieved at 3 p.m. Got reliefs all settled and made out new state for Brigade H.Q. Not much shelling in afternoon. Australians made attack East of Pozieres and were very successful. Dinner at 7 p.m. and after watching some shelling turned in to bed.

Monday, August 7th

Up at 4.45 a.m. and went on working party. Went in new way which appears best. Very heavy shelling on our right. Indians lost three killed. Met some very decent gunners. Gen. Seeley came up at 11 a.m. Division is moving back near Abbeville and we are to stay here—worse luck. Relief for some men arrived at 5 p.m. Mining party went out as usual. Roads leading to Fricourt very heavily shelled during evening. Bed at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8th

Up at 9 a.m. Stayed in from working party. Had nice wash and shave and felt much refreshed. We took Guillemont but had to retire again. Had a ride at 5.30 and went up on ridge to see Pozieres. After supper turned in early.



### Where Confederation Was Born

Room in Legislative Building at Charlottetown, P.E.I., where the first Conference was held. Left, Tablet commemorative of the event.

#### INSCRIPTION

"Unity is Strength. In the hearts and minds of the delegates who assembled in this room on September 1st, 1864, was born the Dominion of Canada."

"Providence being their guide they builded better than they knew."

"This tablet is erected on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the event."

Wednesday, August 9th

Up at 5 a.m. and rode up to working party. It was fairly quiet. We attacked Guillemont but lost it again. Back at noon and had a tub. Slept till 5 p.m. Rode to Vivier Mills to see Timmis' brother, who is on Corps Staff Heavy Arty. Long dusty ride. Dinner at 8 p.m. and then turned in. Heavy shelling near Fricourt and got very little sleep.

### HORSE PROVERBS FROM THE ARABIC

"No one becomes a horseman until he has been often thrown."  
 "Thoroughbred horses have no vice."  
 "A horse in a leading-string is an honour to his master."  
 "Horses are birds without wings."  
 "No distance is far for a horse."  
 "Whoso forgets the beauty of horses for that of women will never prosper."

### THE PASSING OF NIGGER

On the evening of the 31st May, Nigger, B. 131, one of the oldest horses in "B" Squadron, was mercifully destroyed owing to a very severe injury to the shoulder. It had been thought possible to turn him out for the summer, but he became so bad that he could hardly walk. Nigger was a very old horse and became famous in 1922 when the R.C.D. Circus enlisted him as their star actor. After a very few weeks training he allowed four acrobats to stand on his back at the canter in the 40 ft. circus ring. The circus did many of the famous Hanneford tricks (by permission) and in most of these Nigger was the star horse. Nigger's quick learning and extraordinary adaptability to the circus ring helped the training of the other horses used in the circus. At many public performances professional circus riders offered good prices for this clever horse. The press used to ask us how we trained him and the other horses. The answer was, by su-

gar and patience. Nigger performed before Premier Mackenzie King, the Defence Council and many famous people of Canada and the States. The Circus gave exhibitions in cities and towns all over Ontario. These include the National Exhibition at Toronto 1922, Ottawa Winter Fair 1924, Cobourg Horse Show, Hamilton Horse Show. A number of special performances were given for celebrities. Tom Mix paid the highest compliments to the training of Nigger and the other horses when the circus put on a performance for his benefit. Nigger was in the recent fire at Stanley Barracks, but rescued himself. His trainer had made provision that he would never be sold at public auction, should he ever have been cast as unfit for further use in the Army. Even if this had not been done, the Squadron would never have allowed him to be sold to end his days in a hawker's cart.

Nigger did much for his Regiment. The Circus personnel consisted of more than a dozen officers, N.C.O's and men, including



Major Timmis, Capt. Bate, Sgt. Tamlyn, Sgt. Bueil, Cpl. Mercer, Cpl. Galloway, Cpl. Smuck, Cpl. Blake, Troopers Evans, Gill, Wynn Shoulman, Grindley, Edgell, and Read.

### WHO?

(With apologies to Kipling)

He was rich and very rare  
With his military air  
But to see him on the square brings  
forth a tear.  
You will know him by his nose  
And his flat and pigeon toes  
And an unquenchable thirst for  
bottled beer.

Now that horse shave no manes  
He keeps his balance by the reins  
Particularly when going o'er the  
sticks.

And his Peggy never stirs,  
When he hangs on by his spurs,  
So they call him in the Canteen  
"Thomas Mix."

But our little friend is shy  
And if you ask him why  
A smart dragoon he thought he  
could be made,  
He will answer with a smirk  
"I once was out of work

And the infantry these days is far  
too staid.

When he sees himself in print,  
Let us hope he'll take the hint  
And become a gravel crusher once  
again

For to see him on a horse  
(Speaking metaphorically, of course);

Gives the rawest, newly-joined  
recruit a pain.

### Over-heard in the coffee bar

Tpr. E (Passing across newspaper to Sergt. giving account of matadore's death.

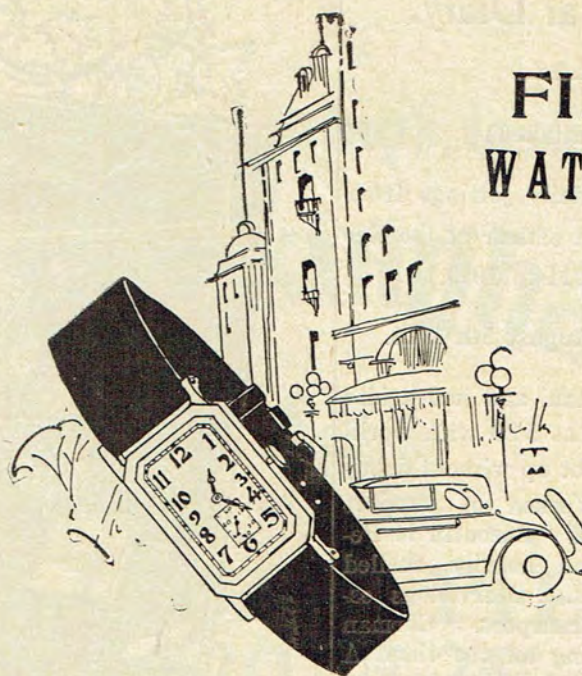
"Say, John, did you see where a guy got killed by a bull in Spain, Sergt. John (reading it over)" doesn't say anything about him getting killed it says he was fatally injured."

Tpr. E. "Well it says somewhere there that he was killed." è

Sgt. J. "I can't see anything about here."

"The Goat" has received word that Bill Hargreaves is now 20 miles off the coast of Cape Breton This is the first attempt to cross the Atlantic in a row-boat, but we know that if it is possible "Bill" can do it. "Heavy" say his supplies consist of 1 gal. water, 1 pound of Christie's Soda biscuits and 30 gallons of beer.

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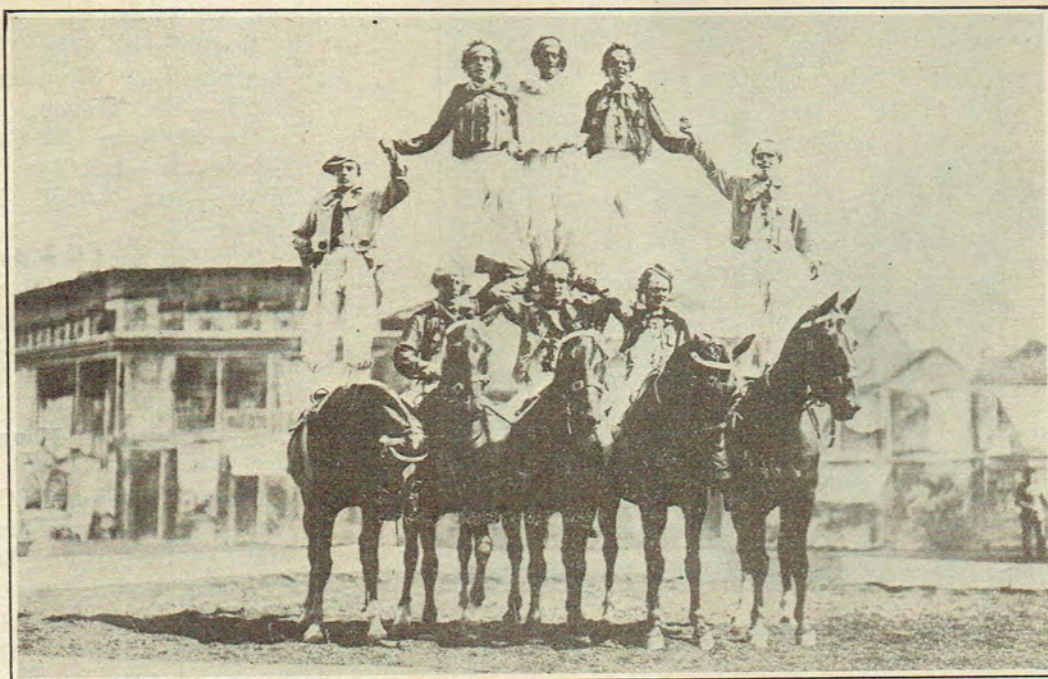
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## R. C. D. CIRCUS.



The circus existed before the war and gave some creditable performances before large crowds in England just before the Regiment proceeded to France. But it was in February 1922 when the circus was organised on a sound basis. A

proper set of vaulting rollers a forty foot circus ring and a large stock of clown costumes and apparatus were purchased. A circus fund was started that has been kept in a flourishing state thanks to the receipt from various sources

in connection with public performances. Major Timmins, Sgt Tamlyn, Cpls. Mercer and Galloway, Troopers Shoulman and Wynne, were the original performers that trained eight horses and put on a performance at the Eglinton

Hunt Club in Toronto. Sgt-Major Aisthorpe, one of the troupe of 1914, joined the circus for this performance and gave much valuable help. Performances were then put on at Petawawa before a big crowd and later in 1922 at St. Henry Pellatt's country estate before many thousands, including Premier W. L. MacKenzie-King. The late Capt. Cully Ross of the Canadian National Exhibition saw this performance and asked the department's permission for the circus to perform before the Grand Stand at the Can. Nat. Ex. In August of that year the circus went to Coburg and performed with much success. Then followed twenty-five performances before the Grand Stand at the Toronto Exhibition. Here professional circus troupes offered large sums of money for some of our horses-especially "Nigger" (B. 131) and "Peggy" (B. 68). The famous Hanneford Circus Troupe, with whom we have been on friendly terms for years, gave us permission to copy some of their favourite acts. Numerous cinematograph films have been made of the circus and scores of applications received during the past five years for the

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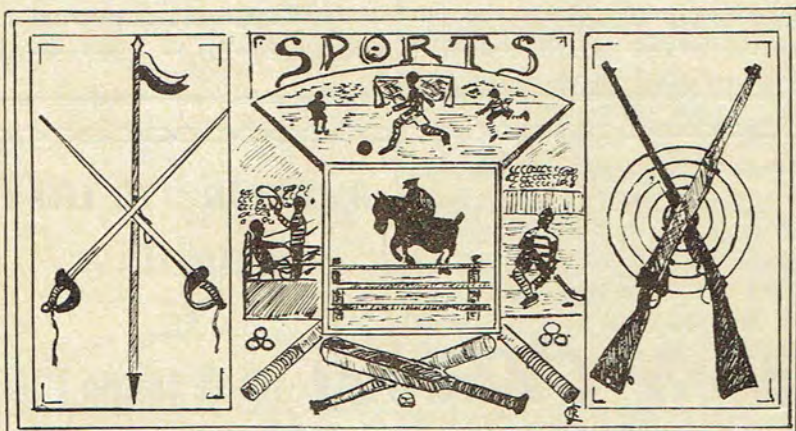




circus to visit towns and cities in Canada and the United States. Most of these had to be refused. Amongst the places where several day performances were put on are: Ottawa Winter Fair; Toronto

Hunt Club Carnival; Hamilton Horse Show and Listowel. All the practising and schooling of the horses has been done in the men's spare time, which in the Cavalry, means after the day's work is done.

The work has been entirely voluntary. Sgt. Bell, Cpls. Smuck, Edgell and Capt. Bate have since joined the circus, which has encouraged horsemanship and physical fitness and amused thousands of people.



### VICTORIA DAY SPORTS

A most successful Sports Day was held on the 24th of May at St. Johns, P.Q.

The weather leading up to the 24th was most adverse and with the newspaper on the 23rd predicting showers, we were not at all optimistic. However, for once the weather-man's loss was our gain and we awoke in the morning of the 24th to find old sol, doing his stuff. For the first time in three years mounted sports were included in the programme and as everyone knows the success of a mounted programme depends mainly on the weather, we have every reason to feel grateful.

By far the most attractive events were the mounted ones. The jumping was of a high order and provided plenty of thrills for the huge crowd of spectators. The V.C. Race the Boot Race, Balaclava Mélé, Chums Race, and the tent pegging events were keenly

contested, the winner of the latter event giving a wonderful exhibition of skill.

The dismounted sports, however, were by no means tame. The relay race and above all the high jump were exhibitions of grit and determination that were highly creditable and a source of keen interest.

To attempt to single out any one competitor for praise would be obviously unfair for everyone gave of his best. After just completing eight weeks of training and then to put on such a splendid show with little or no practice, reflects great credit on the personnel of Squadron.

Mrs. Bowie with her usual gracious manner presented the prize to the successful contestants:—

#### Morning—Dismounted

100 yd. Dash—1st Cpl. McKerrall, 2nd Troop.—2nd Cpl. Parker, The R.C.R.—3rd Tpr. Barrie, 2nd

Tug-of-War—1st Troop.

Sack Race—Cpl. Francoeur, The R.C.R.—Pte. Rowlands, Tpr. Foster, 3rd Troop.

High Jump—Tpr. Barrie Troop.—Pte. Washington, The R.C.R.—Pte. Bishop, The R.C.R.

440 yd. Race—1st Cpl. Parker, The R.C.R.—2nd Tpr. Barrie, 2nd Troop.—3rd L/Cpl. Ross, 3rd Troop.

Children Race—(girls)—1st Irene Baker.—2nd Kathleen Churchward.—3rd Helen Hammond.

1 Mile Relay Race—1st The R.C.R.

#### Afternoon—Mounted

Open Jumping—N.C.O's and men—1st. Cpl. Green 3rd Troop.—2nd Sgt. Sheehy 3rd Troop.—3rd Sgt. Neeves, 3rd Troop.

V.C. Race—1st L/Cpl. Cullinan 3rd Troop.—2nd Tpr. Gravel, 2nd Troop.—3rd Tpr. Story, 1st Troop.

Balaclava Melee—1st Troop.

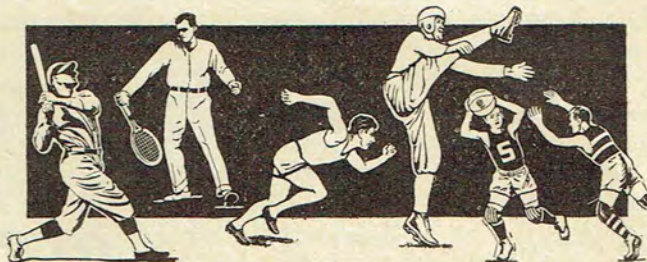
Tent Pegging—1st Sgt. Neeves, 3rd Troop.—2nd L/Cpl. Cullinan, 3rd Troop.—3rd Tpr. Barrie, 2nd Troop.

Wrestling on Horseback—1st Troop.

Troop.

Grand Jump—1st Cpl. McKerrall 2nd Troop.—2nd Cpl. Parker, The R.C.R.—3rd L/Cpl. Ross, 3rd Troop.

Two Chum Race—1st Cpl. McKerrall and L/Cpl. Gilmore, 2nd Troop.—2nd Tpr. Dawkes and Fis-sault, 3rd Troop.—3rd L/Cpl.



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Tug-of-War—1st Troop.

#### Winners of Cups

Leblanc Challenge Cup (dismounted events) won by Cpl. McKerrall, 2nd Troop.

Allan Case Cup—For Sergeants won by Sergeant T. Sheehy 3rd Troop.

Allan Case Cup for N.C.O.'s and Men won by Cpl. Green, 3rd Troop.

Aggregate Cup for Mounted events L/Cpl. Cullinan, 3rd Troop.

#### OUR SPORTS DAY

There is not a shadow of doubt but that our dismounted and mounted sports held on the 24th of May were a great success and drew an appreciative audience from St. Johns and Montreal. The fact that they were so is due to the competitors of both units who displayed the keenest of interest, added to grit and splendid sportsmanship shown in all the events—the spirit of playing the game for the game's sake being apparent throughout, leaving a feeling among the spectators that the boys of today have not forgotten the splendid example set by their forefathers.

All ranks of "A" Sqn. R.C.D. wish through the medium of our regimental magazine to thank Capt. Balders, Capt. Nicholls and the

W.O.'s., N.C.O.'s., and the men of "D" Co'y. The R.C.R. for the splendid support accorded, which helped materially to make the events run smoothly, up to schedule and without a hitch.

Our congratulations go out to "D" Co'y The R.C.R., on winning the Challenge Cup for dismounted events and we hope that we may again have the pleasure in competing against such keen, clean and vigorous sportsmen.

With reference to the mounted sports the writer was struck by the sporting way in which each event was contested and also proud of the splendid showing made by all concerned.

Without any attempt to offer destructive criticism but only to point out certain mistakes that occurred and which are easily rectified for the good of future events the writer would like to draw attention to the following points.

(i) In all jumping events a whip should be carried.

(ii) The whip is not carried with the intention of always punishing the horse but for use only when absolutely required and then very sparingly.

(iii) When applying the whip, a touch on the quarters, is quite sufficient—applied at the proper moment—a stride before the take-off.

(iv) Never apply the whip to the horse's forequarters—it will invariably do no good and put the horse off his stride.

(v) Make the utmost use of the

lower part of the legs to drive on the horse if required. If this is done the whip is seldom necessary.

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(vii) Raising the hands as the horse descends jabs his mouth, raises his head and brings him down on all fours, besides giving pain and frightening him.

(viii) A horse must see where to place his fore-feet when descending. How can he do it with his head jerked up in the air through the medium of the reins?

(ix) Do not bring a consistent refuser into the ring. He will only make a fool of himself and also the rider.

(x) Showing jumping is not steeplechasing, although some horses require more pace than others.

(xi) Unless a horse will run straight it is useless to enter him in tent-pegging.


(xii) In pegging make your horse carry his pace through for a few lengths beyond the peg. Do not let him come to a stop just as the peg is reached or taken.

The above points are not intended as a lecture but only as hints gained from experience and are for the use of any who are willing to accept them.


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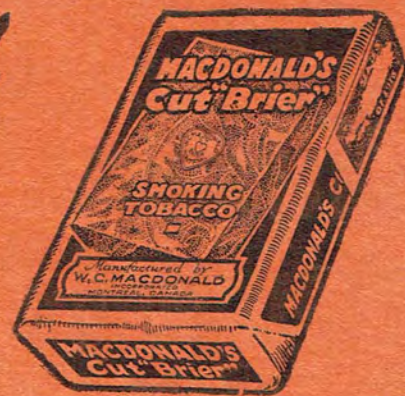


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